

**United States Embassy Brussels, Belgium**  
**Security Message: Upcoming Protest in Brussels**  
**November 9, 2016**

The U.S. Embassy Brussels informs U.S. citizens that an organized march will take place in Brussels on November 9. Police will be present at both events.

On November 9, from 9:30 to 12:00 hours, an organized march will be organized by the European Steel Workers. The demonstrators will start to gather at Parc du Cinquantaire as of 10:00 hours and follow the below course, departing at approximately 11:45 hours from Petite Rue de la Loi:

- Petite Rue de la Loi (start at 11:45 am)
- Rond Point Schuman
- Rue Froissart
- Rue Belliard
- Chaussée d'Etterbeek
- Rue Jacques de Lalaing
- Rue de la Science
- Rue Belliard
- Avenue d'Auderghem
- Avenue de la Joyeuse Entrée

The entire course will be made traffic free during the march. Parking will be prohibited on the Avenue de la Renaissance, Avenue des Nerviens and some parts of Avenue de Tervuren. From 11:00 hours the Reyers Tunnel (E40 direction center) will be closed.

The Brussels Capital Ixelles police zone expects heavy traffic problems in the European quarter and at the small ring road and they request that people avoid traveling in Brussels by car where possible, and instead take public transportation. The police state that it is possible that the buses may also be affected by the demonstration.

Even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and escalate into violence. Avoid areas where demonstrations are taking place and exercise caution when in the vicinity of any large gatherings, protests, or demonstrations.

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